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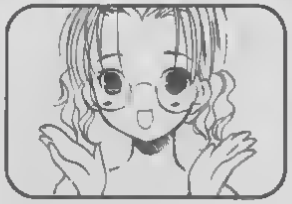
Hinaichigo
Another one of the Rozen Maiden dolls. She is staying with the Sakurada family as Shinku's servant.

Souseiseki
One of the Rozen Maiden dolls, twin sister of Suiseiseki.

Sakurada Nori
Jun's older sister. She handles all the chores and housework for the Sakurada household. Quite a space cadet.

Suiseiseki
One of the Rozen Maiden dolls. She came looking for help from Shinku.

Canaria
Self-proclaimed "brain" of the Rozen Maiden Dolls. She spies on Shinku and her friends.



Suigintoh
One of Rozen Maiden dolls like Shinku. She is Shinku's rival.

The Seventh Doll
???
The seventh doll has finally appeared. She is veiled in secrecy.

Introduction

Sakurada Jun is a middle school hikikomori, a student who never leaves his room. His favorite pastime is getting a thrill from returning products he buys online before the "cooling off" period ends. His sister, Nori, is concerned about him, but Jun won't open up to her about what he's feeling. One day, among the items he has ordered online, he finds an exquisite antique doll. Bursting with curiosity, Jun winds the key in the back of the doll, which causes the doll to start moving and speaking. It says to Jun, "My name is Shinku. From now on, you shall be my servant." Shinku is a living doll, one of the Rozen Maidens. To protect Shinku's Rosa Mystica, Jun gets tangled up in magical and strange battles between the other Rozen Maiden dolls...

Characters

Shinku
No. 5 doll of the Rozen Maiden series of dolls with magical powers.

Jun Sakurada
Middle school hikikomori. By chance, he is Shinku's servant (but technically her master.)

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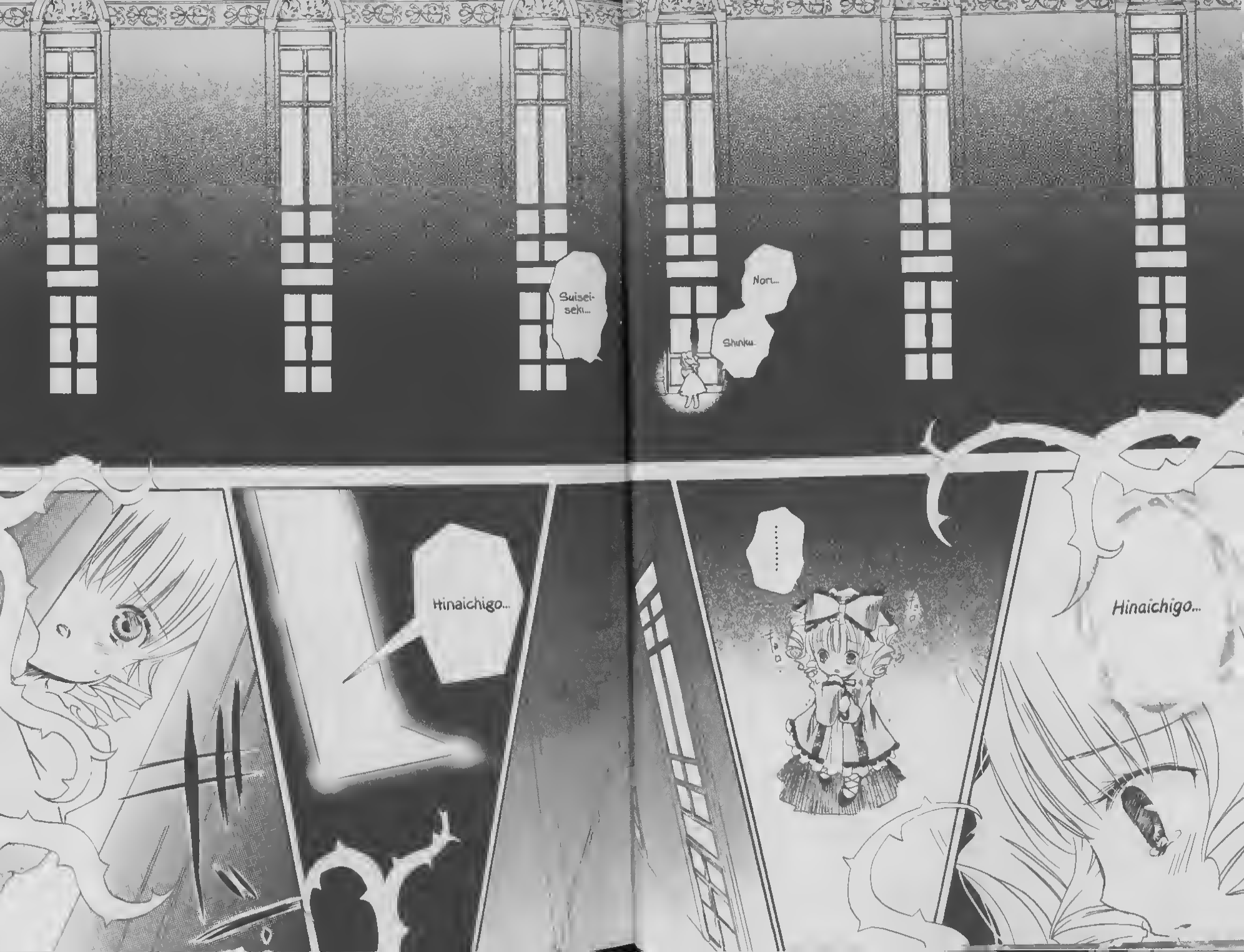
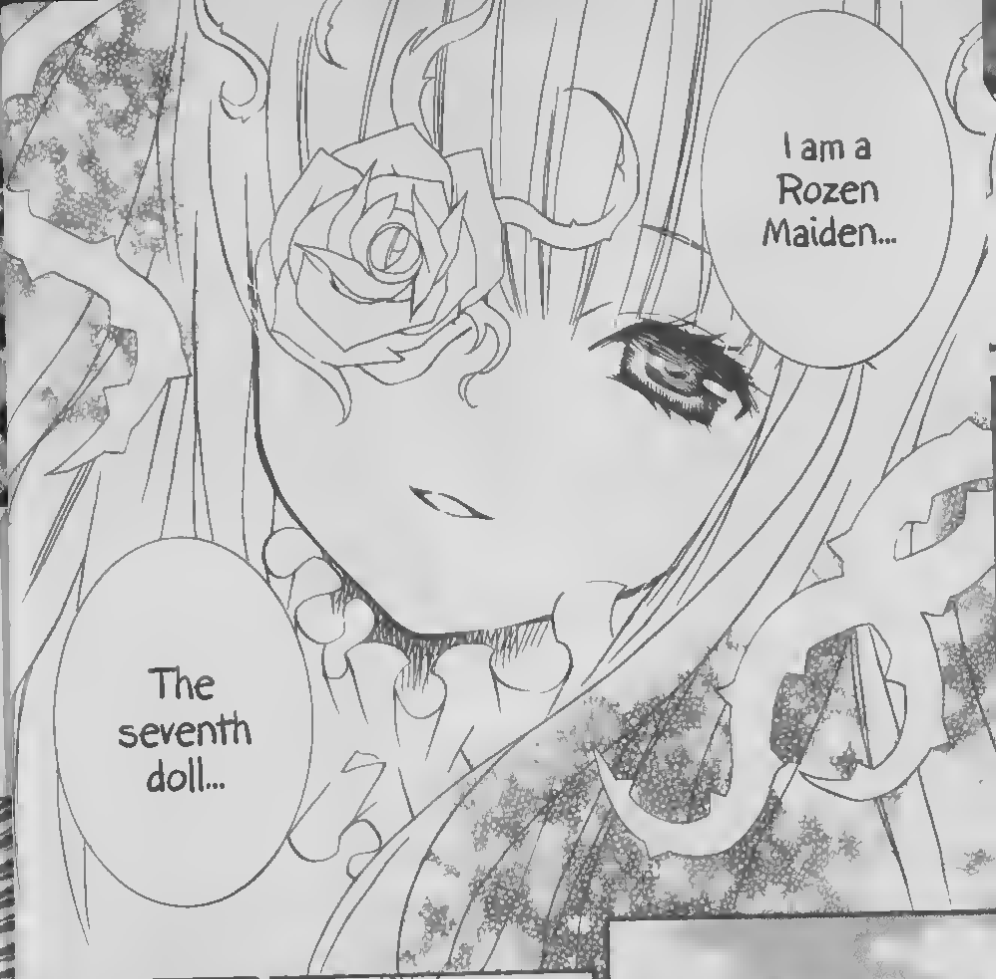

Suisei-seki...
Nori...
Shinku...
Hinaichigo...
.....
Hinaichigo...

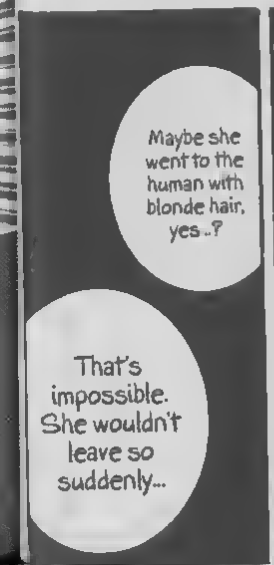
Good-bye, Hinaichigo.
Bye-bye, Hina-chan.
Good riddance
See ya.
No...
No...
Kyaaaaaaah!!
I can't be with you any longer...
I'm sorry, Hinaichigo.
Ah...
Hi
Cor...
Corinne...

I will...
...stay by you.
Who are you?
Urrrgh...
It's a lie.. It's not true.
I don't want to be alone...
Urrr...
Poor thing...
Good-bye. Hinaichigo...
Tomoe!!
?!
No...
Don't need you.
We don't need her anymore.
Yes, let's.
We'll keep Hinaichigo in her case now.
N-
No...

She said she was going to be in Japan for a while..
It's no use. They said that Odile-san is no longer staying at the hotel.
Tomoe hasn't heard anything, either.
I see.
Thank you very much.
Then Chibi Chibi did go to that human with blonde hair, yes!

And how can Chibi Ichigo leave us like this?!
But...it doesn't make sense! Leaving without a proper good-bye? Such a rude human she is!
Jun-kun...
.....

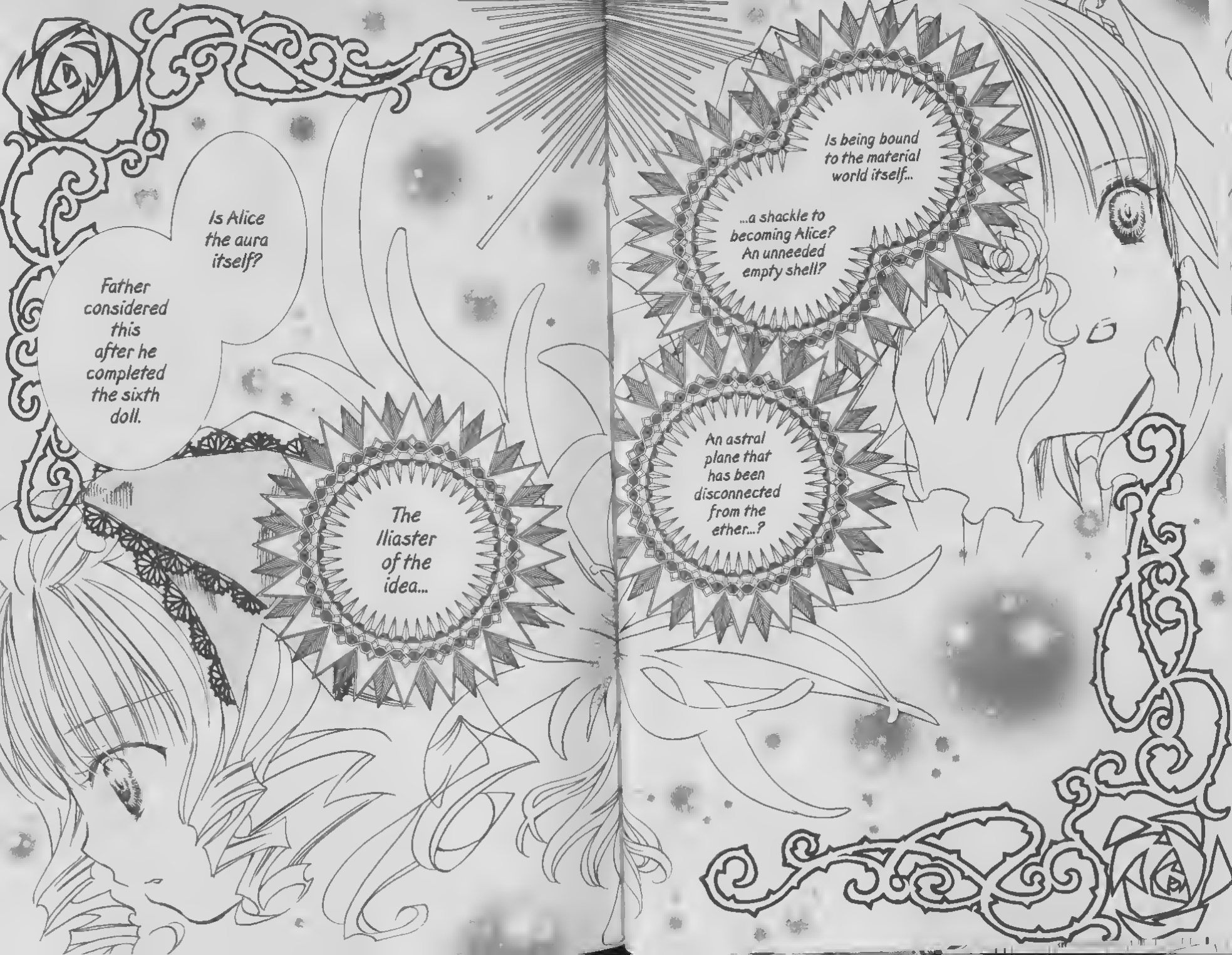

I am a Rozen Maiden...
The seventh doll...


Maybe she went to the human with blonde hair, yes..?
That's impossible. She wouldn't leave so suddenly...

We can't find her or her case.
Maybe she went for a walk with a cat or something

What? Hinaichigo is missing?

The seventh doll only exists in an illusion.
And I, too, am only an illusion...
One without the constraints of the physical vessel...
An ethereal soul that occupies an immaterial space
That is the Rozen Maiden.
It's still not enough
But even that will not make me the supreme little girl
The seventh doll?
She must be having a good time with that blonde-haired human by now.
Jun... it's not because of what you did, yes.
It was something Chibi Chibi did on her own.
Maybe it was because I questioned her so bluntly...
She might have left because of me...
I'm sure they'll call us soon.
Odile-san was so eager to have her back. She wouldn't mistreat Hina-chan.
Don't worry. Hina-chan is quite capable. I'm sure she's fine
.....
Now let's all have lunch.
That's right, yes.


Is Alice the aura itself?
Father considered this after he completed the sixth doll.
The Iliaster of the idea...
Is being bound to the material world itself...
...a shackle to becoming Alice? An unneeded empty shell?
An astral plane that has been disconnected from the ether...?

...I have become...
...the supreme little girl.
ポコ…
ピキ…
ピキ
?!!
Even I can't become Alice yet...
But...
...it still was not enough.
す…
Nonetheless...
...has no material form.
So the seventh doll...

No...!
N-
In order to fight, I need a vessel.
Ouch...
An empty vessel...
Aaaaaah!
No...I don't...
Ah...
No!
Hinaichigo...
?!!
In order to fight...
You left the game.
I am still standing.

Hinaichigo!
Shi...
n...
...ku...
Tomoe...
Juuuun!!
Help me...!!
No...!

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Fine, run away as you wish.
You are a free bird now.
Is that her man-made spirit?
Shinku left in a hurry from here...
...and Hollier was with her.
That means this is the entrance to the N-Field. It's pretty suspicious, maybe!!
Maybe? Maybe? I think so. I think so?!
I saw it during my surveillance.
This is it! It's this mirror!
My body...
A beautiful body.
An empty vessel

.....
This is odd...
Where...?
Where are you, Ainaichigo ...?!
It's a little bit scary, but...
...I have to follow them, maybe...

I'm sorry, but I can't...
I can't go back to where everybody is...
Why...?
No... Why?
What's going on?
I was eaten up...
...and now bear a cloak of thorns...
Hinaichigo...?
Hina-ichigo...?
Hina-ichigo!
You're okay...
I knew you'd come...

My body has been eaten up, but...
Berrybell brought me here.
...my Rosa Mystica.
...I will give you...
Even this voice won't ..
..reach you anymore.
Berrybell...
What's happened ...?!!
What's happening ..?
Oh my...

Hinaichigo...
I've already lost the Alice Game before.
I should have given you this back then...
Wait a minute!
Quick, Shinku...
...before the seventh doll gets here.
Canaria...?!
Sign. Hospital

I almost thought that my father was dead.
It's been so long. I almost didn't recognize your face.
You know how important Daddy's job is, honey.
.....
Sweetie, I was just busy with work.
You only come once in a while and then suddenly want to be my father.
.....
Ha...

Papa...?
Pa...pa...
You need to stop, Megu...
Stop being so difficult with the nurses.

Die...
You're no father!!
Drop dead, Papa!!
I hope you die soon!
Megu ,you mustn't speak like that
Shut up!!
You're the one who keeps running away from me!
You only want to play the part of the father when you feel like it!
I see. I'll be right there.
Oh . Kakizaki-san, the doctor would like to talk to you.
I'll be dead the next time you come.
Okay. See ya, Papa.
Get out of here!!
Go away!
Megu... Stop it.
That's the same reason Mom left us!!

Poor thing...
I will grant your wish.
Nobody loves her.
How sad...
Sui-gin-toh ...
My life was never right from the beginning.
Urrr... Urrr.
Drop dead...
Urrr...
If he weren't around...
...I could start over from before I was born...
Megu...

I am the youngest of your sisters...
Kirakisho.

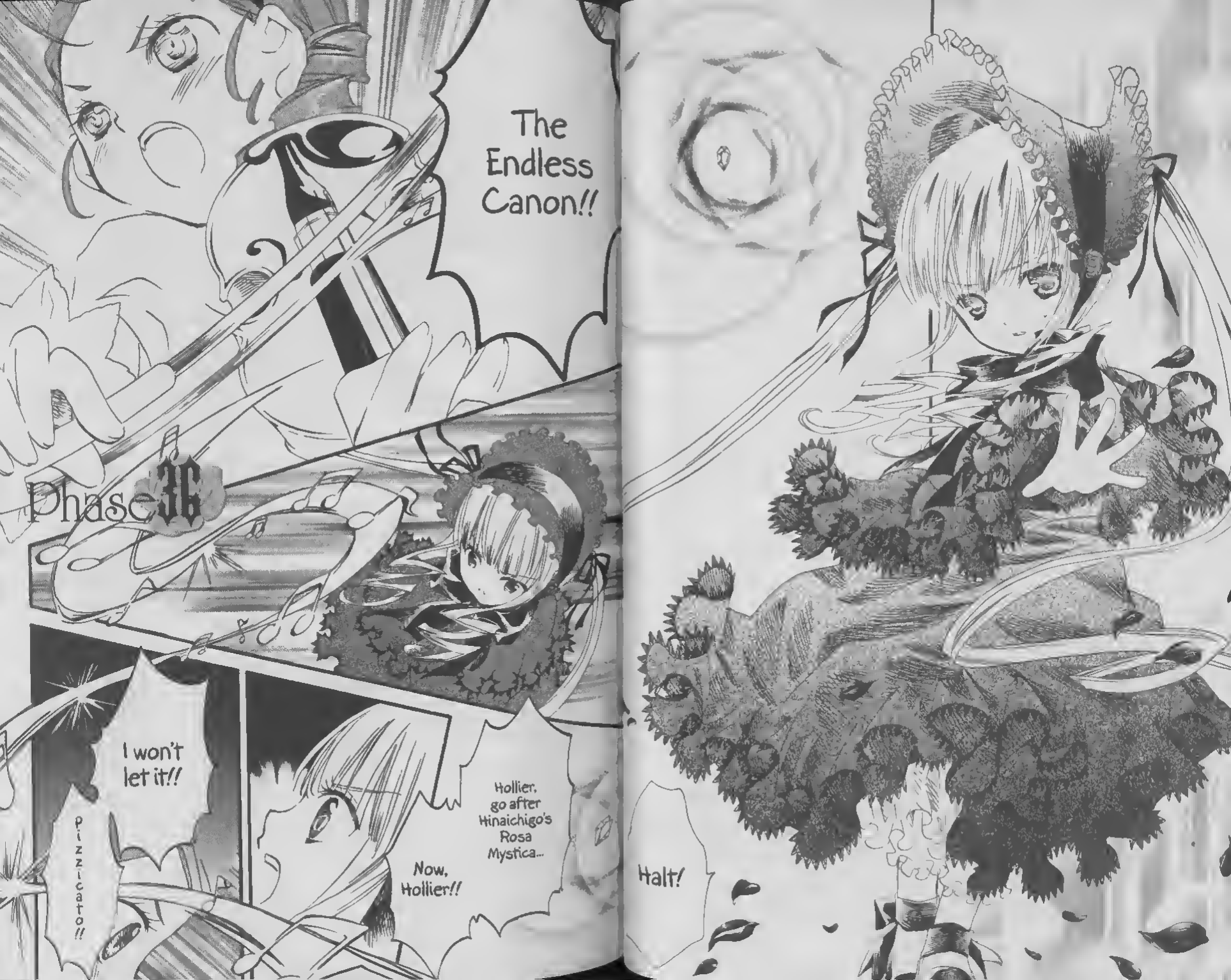
How do you do, big sister?
A white rose...?!
Who is it?!

Yet you love him so much...so much that you want to kill him.
No matter how much you love our father... your love will never be returned.
You know it yourself, don't you?
..and give way to a different kind of emotion.
The maddening love will eventually fray..
Wha ...?
Poor Suigintoh.
...your spell will not be broken.
Even if you kill Father...
...have bound you over and over again.
I can see that thorns of love...
Younger sister...?
The seventh doll?!
I'll turn you into a heap of shredded scraps.
...quite foolish, little sister...
I see... And to have appeared before me is...
You're so confident...
...I feel sorry for you.
But...

What is the meaning of this, Shinku...?!!
This is Hinaichigo's Rosa Mystica, isn't it?
Did you defeat her, maybe?
In a way, yes... And in a way, no...
All for the sake of Alice...
The hatred goes around and around.
Around and around...
...and around and around.

A Silent Requiem...
So it was all for this. That's why all of you were playing "friends."
Everybody looked as though they weren't interested in the Alice Game, and yet...
Darn it...
I almost got taken for a ride...
I understand all too well now
Pizzi-cato !!

Crescendo!!
If that's how you want to play it, I won't go easy on you, maybe!
Shinku!!
Wait...!
Hinaichigo's Rosa Mystica!
Ah...
?!!


The Endless Canon!!
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I won't let it!!
pizzicato!!
Now, Hollier!!
Hollier, go after Hinaichigo's Rosa Mystica...
Halt!

Hinaichigo...?!
Stop it!!

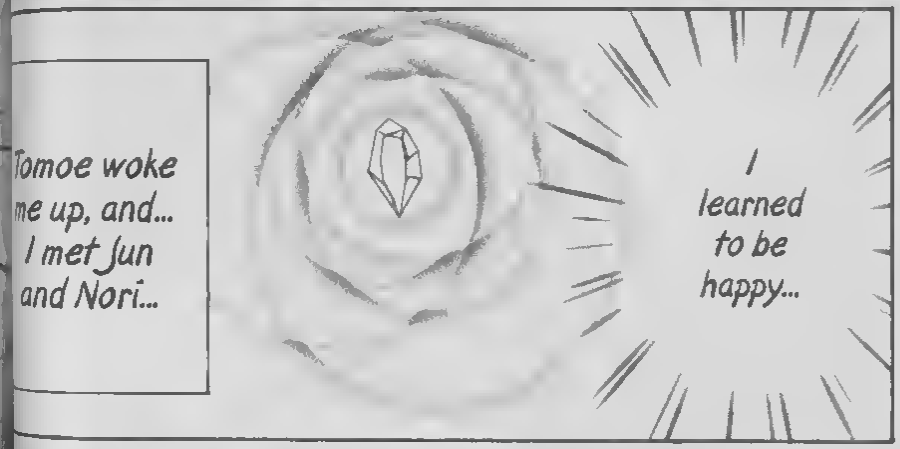
You're quite worthless, number seven.
You're all talk, aren't you?
Why aren't you attacking? Is it because of her? That human?
Heh... heh...
Ah ha ha ha!
I am Suigintoh.
Forced to wear the darkness. Marked with the reverse cross. I am the most heinous doll of the Rozen Maidens.
Me, bound by love? A poor little thing?

...the Rosa Mystica...!!
My darling Suigintoh...
I want to save you...
?!
The bright light is...
My poor big sister ...
I didn't come here to fight...
...big sister.

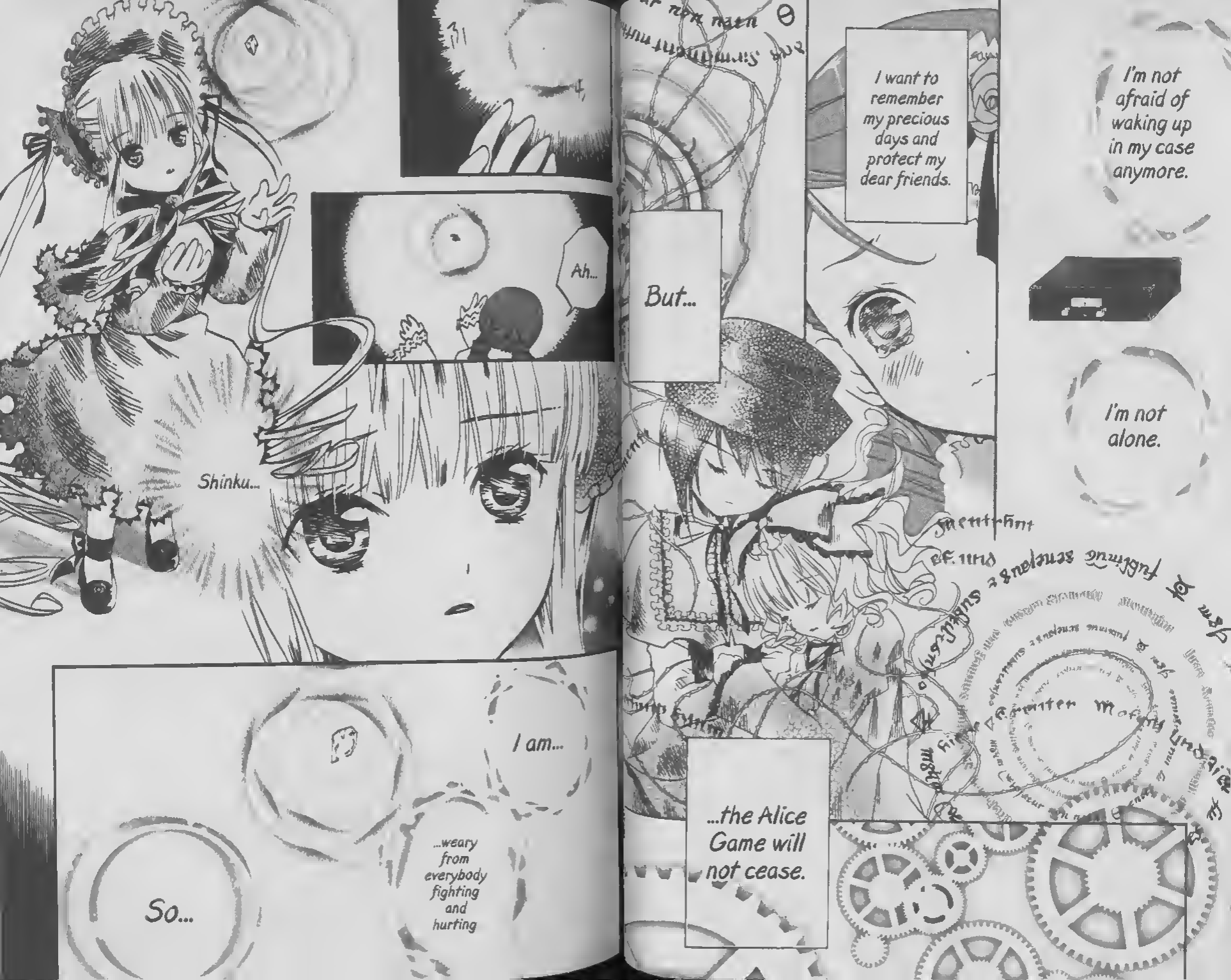
Hina...!!
It's starting to lose its sparkle...
?!!
I don't want to...
I don't want to play the Alice Game anymore...
Stop...
Stop it now...
Berrybell is protecting it...?
Hina-ichigo's Rosa Mystica
..
Is it cause Shinku was terrible to you...?
You... You're crying, Hinaichigo ...

ぼろろ…
ぺたん…
But... by the time I got here, she was...
Hollier had found the seventh doll and alerted me.
Canaria...
……

I was... I was happy..
Hina-ichigo ...?


Tomoe woke me up, and... I met Jun and Nori...
I learned to be happy...

...I had so much fun everyday. I felt loved.
I lived at ease with Shinku and Suiseiseki, who had once been my rivals in the Alice Game...
And then you, Canaria, came to play, too, and...


Ah...
Shinku...
So...
I am...
...weary from everybody fighting and hurting
...the Alice Game will not cease.
But...
I want to remember my precious days and protect my dear friends.
I'm not afraid of waking up in my case anymore.
I'm not alone.

I will control the Alice Game my own way.
It may be a battle that will bring sadness and hurt.
There may be many instances where I will be hurt and where I will hurt others...
...and where my wishes will not be heeded.
Hina-ichigo...
Are you okay with that...?
...to protect everybody.
..relieve me of the burden of my Rosa Mystica.
Use it...
Hina-ichigo...
Will you be able to accept that?
The way I play the Alice Game is different than what you wish for.

You have much to be proud of...

You are the fully blooming sixth doll of the Rozen Maiden!

Hina-ichigo...

...you did not run.

You stood up, and...

You fought.

Hinaichigo... my sweet little sister.

My poor big sister...
I know what you wish for...
!!
So...
The real reason why you are after the Rosa Mystica...
...instead...
...I will...
It must have been her Rosa Mystica...
Someone just..
...was captured by someone else
The little bird that flew away.
.....?
No.
You let it go? You didn't take her Rosa Mystica?
I don't need it.

What the heck was that?
Nnn?
Get up, you tiny human!!
Whoa!
What the...?
Open those eyes wide!
This is your wake-up kick.
Is Hina back?!
Is she...?
Th-there were...
...three cases in my room and...
Uh... Uhmm...
Jun, you're quite disheveled.
Oh? Huh?
Good morning, Jun-kun.
Wash your face and be at the breakfast table in three minutes, yes!
We shall start you off to a good morning with my scones!!
Who...? What the...?
I shall become a Spartan maiden for your sake.
If you wallow in the dumps, you'll become a shriveled old man.

I had to make this sacrifice...
...to best protect them... forever.
I bought another one!
Dear friends and precious days...
Please don't be mad. The extra is mine.
I stayed the night...
Oh, I see.
Nori, have you heard anything about Hinaichigo?
No, not at all.
Hmmm...
Oh, Cana-chan...that was homemade honey-vinegar drink...
What's her deal today, anyway?
Bon appétit.
Cana's morning begins with a glass of orange juice!!
I will chug it down to start the morning fresh, maybe!
Sit down and eat, I command.
Speaking while standing during a meal is so unbecoming.
Eh? Oh, okay.
Jun-kun, there's some freshly baked scones. Let's have them together.

Phase 37
Where is this?
It's the same as that dream I had before...
Odile...
Odile...?
Remember, Canaria.
Do not tell Jun about Hinaichigo...
This is Hina's wish.
This is a very delicate time for Jun.
Chibi Ichigo is...
...fine...
I'm sure she's doing fine somewhere.
She'll come back some time, yes.
I can tell you as her sister, yes. You should believe me.
So, you shouldn't worry about it, either, tiny human.
Or maybe you're having a hard time separating from the other Chibi Chibi?
Why you--!!

Odile...
I was walking around in white fog until just now...
I'm no longer alone, am I?
Hina-ichigo...
No one will leave you alone now.
For-ever...
Don't worry...
Will you stay with me forever?
What are you doing here?
I've been waiting here.
Here?
Hinaichigo...
This looks like my room...
It's World 82,633.

Your job is done.
Take comfort in the sleep state and rest.
"Master..."
Oh, that one ...?
The human that was brought in from the hotel?
They say there seems to be nothing wrong with her...
But she won't wake up. She smiles as if something is making her very happy while she sleeps.
Just like Sleeping Beauty
She's been asleep now for 10 days
We'll always be together.
Promise?
Odile...?
I promise.
Always...

I wanted to die and become a bird, but...
...sleeping into eternity would be beautiful, too.
My master? What are you talking about?
The girl possessed by death.
I'm talking about the girl right beside you...
Meg...
...give me your left hand.
I give my Rosa Mystica to you and all our sisters.
In return...
...I would like to have...
...your master.
On the 10th floor...
...they said there's a sleeping beauty.
Isn't that wonderful?
Suigin-toh?
.....
I will embrace you with my roots as you sleep and..
...a wonderful rose shall bloom.

Oh, just a minute...
Oh, hurry, hurry!
Hurry up. They'll be in here to take my temperature soon!
You really are a fool!
What?
I want to do this properly.

In sickness and in health...
Well, I'm always sick, but...
Meg...

Contract!!
It's the ring of contract, isn't it?!
So you've finally made up your mind. Yay!

Come on. Give me the ring already!
You're such a fool. Aren't you scared?
Not at all.
You'll let me die as you promised, right?
Yes ...
...once the Alice Game is finished.
Here. You put it on me, Suigintoh.
No way I'll put it on myself

I will.
Be careful on your way back.
You really are a nuisance.
Why don't you use the front door?
So this is good-bye, maybe?
Oh...?
Boy, she was a noisy guest until the very end.
Be hap--
Achoo!
And the following day, and the next day, and the next day
I'll be back tomorrow
So...
I shall come to challenge you every day, maybe-
Uh...
Uhmm...
Uh... well...
No.
'Til death do us part...?
...my dear...
We're together in death, too...
You are...

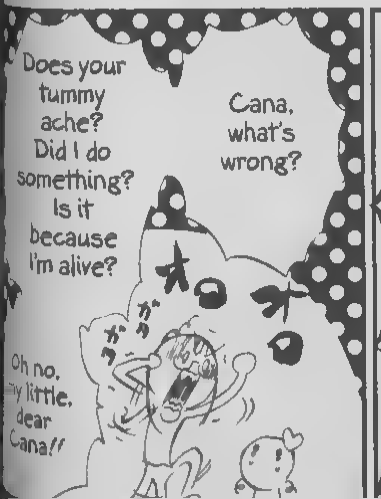
I'm home, maybe?
Welcome home!!! ♪
Cana!
Well then...
See you later, I guess...
What are you mumbling about?! Leave already!!
Suisei-seki...
What was that about?
.....
That Canaria...
She's got it all wrong.
The harder you try to fill the void...
...the greater the emptiness becomes.

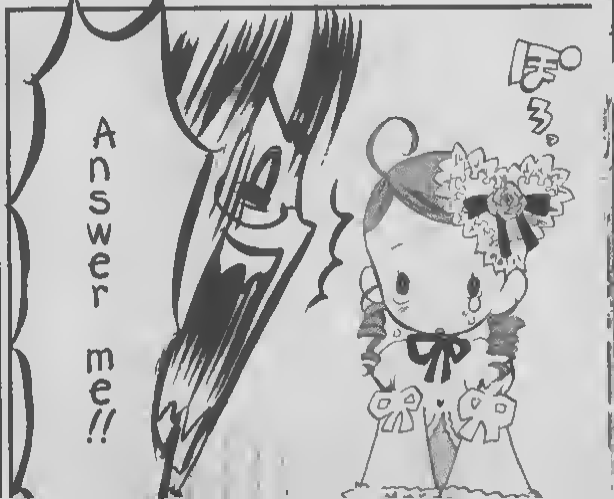
N-no...
I just thought how lucky I am...
W-well...
Where have you been anyway?
I mean, please don't cry, Cana!
Aww! Your crying face is sooo cute, too!

I made all this so we can have a nice dinner together for once!
Look! Look!
Mit-chan?! Don't you have to work late?
I didn't have to, so I hurried home!

Cana, are you surprised? Aren't you happy?
There are tons of fried eggs, too.

Is it that teacher again?
Just hurry up!
It's an emergency. Come quickly, yes!
There's someone at the door...
What the heck? Shut up
Urrrr...
Jun, wake up!
Jun!!


Cana, what's wrong?
Does your tummy ache? Did I do something? Is it because I'm alive?
Oh no, my little, dear Cana!!


Answer me!!

Phase 38

This is my master...
Well, ehm... I guess introductions are in order...

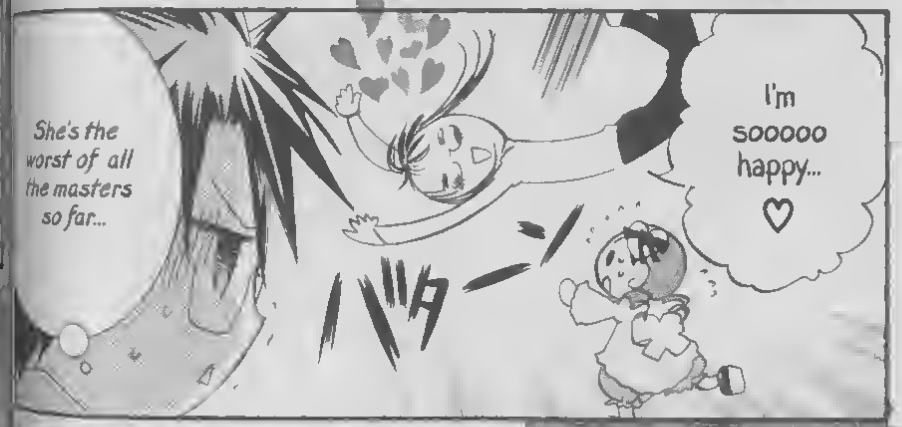
Hello. Nice to meet you.
Hi, maybe...
I'm Cana's master, Mitsu Kusabue. ♡
Wha...?

And these must be..
Just as reported, you seem very sensitive and pensive. You won't even look me in the eye.
Huh...? Oh, how do you do..?
Suisei-seki!!
Rozen Maiden Shinku!
This is what I've dreamed of! Rozen Maiden double hug!!
Oh dear!! You guys are soooooooo cuuuuuuuute!!

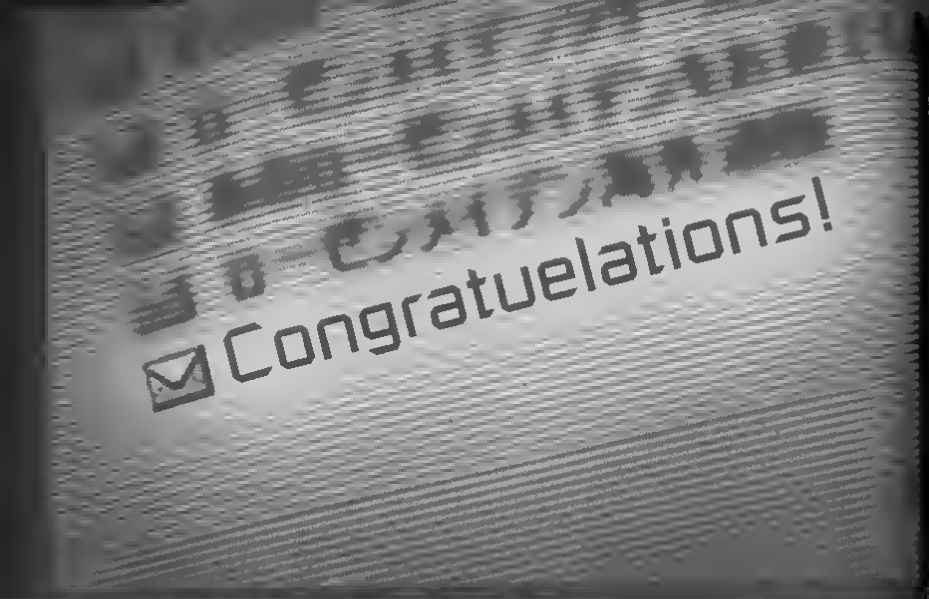
And this is the Sakurada family...
Oh wait, Cana! Let me guess!
I'm Mitsu Kusabue. Call me Mit-chan.
Thank you for having my little girl over before.
You're Jun Sakurada-kun!!
You!
Since we're both masters of Rozen Maidens.
I wanted to say hello to you.

...I'd been looking into Rozen Maiden dolls for a time.
I've always collected dolls, and...
No, I got what seemed like junk mail first.
E-mail?
Did you receive an e-mail first, too, Jun-kun?
In my case...
Really? I guess there must be many different manifestations.

And here comes the whip of curls! Ouch!
Let go!
Oh, she's just as I heard A sharp-tongued, small animal type
What do you think you're doing, big-ass human?!


She's the worst of all the masters so far...
I'm sooooo happy... ♡

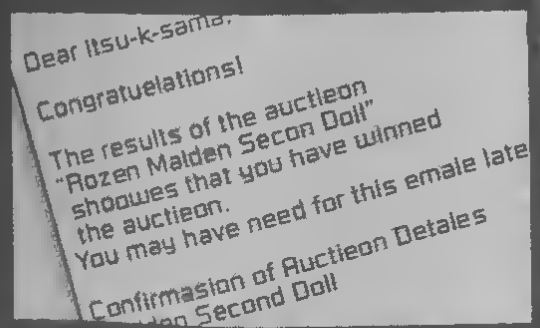
Is she for real?
Oh, yes. I want to talk to Jun-kun...
It doesn't seem as though you've come here to battle...
...so what brings you here today, Mit-chan?


Congratuelations!

So many e-mails...

I try to collect information online, but all I get are junk mails.
I guess that's what you'd expect...
...since what I'm looking for is a legend among legendary dolls..

Let's see...


Dear Itsu-k-sama,
Congratuelations!
The results of the auctieon "Rozen Maiden Secon Doll" shoawes that you have winned the auctieon.
You may have need for this emale late
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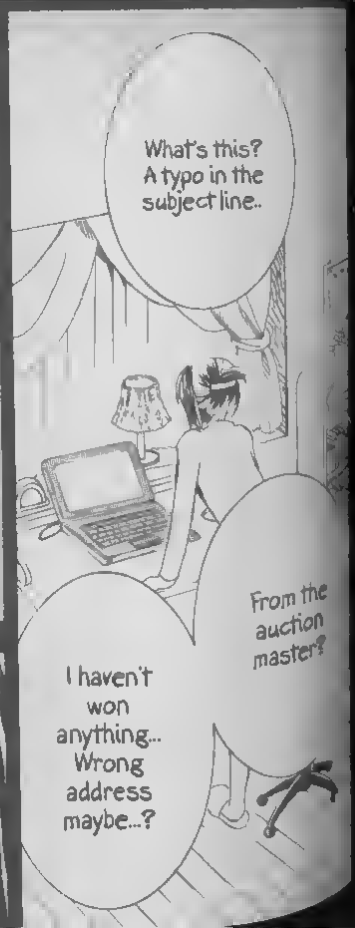
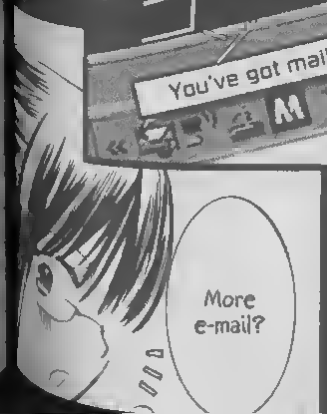

What's this? A typo in the subject line..
From the auction master?
I haven't won anything... Wrong address maybe...?

Rozen Maiden?

You've got mail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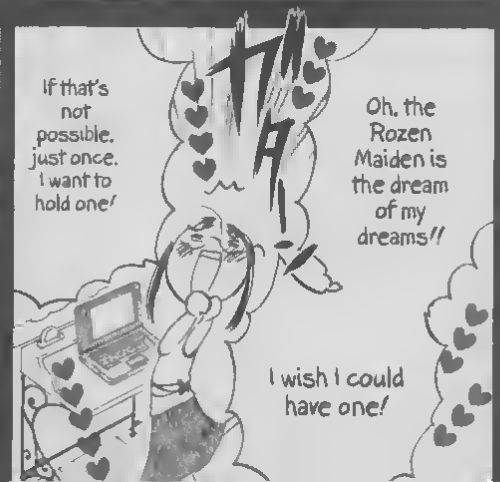
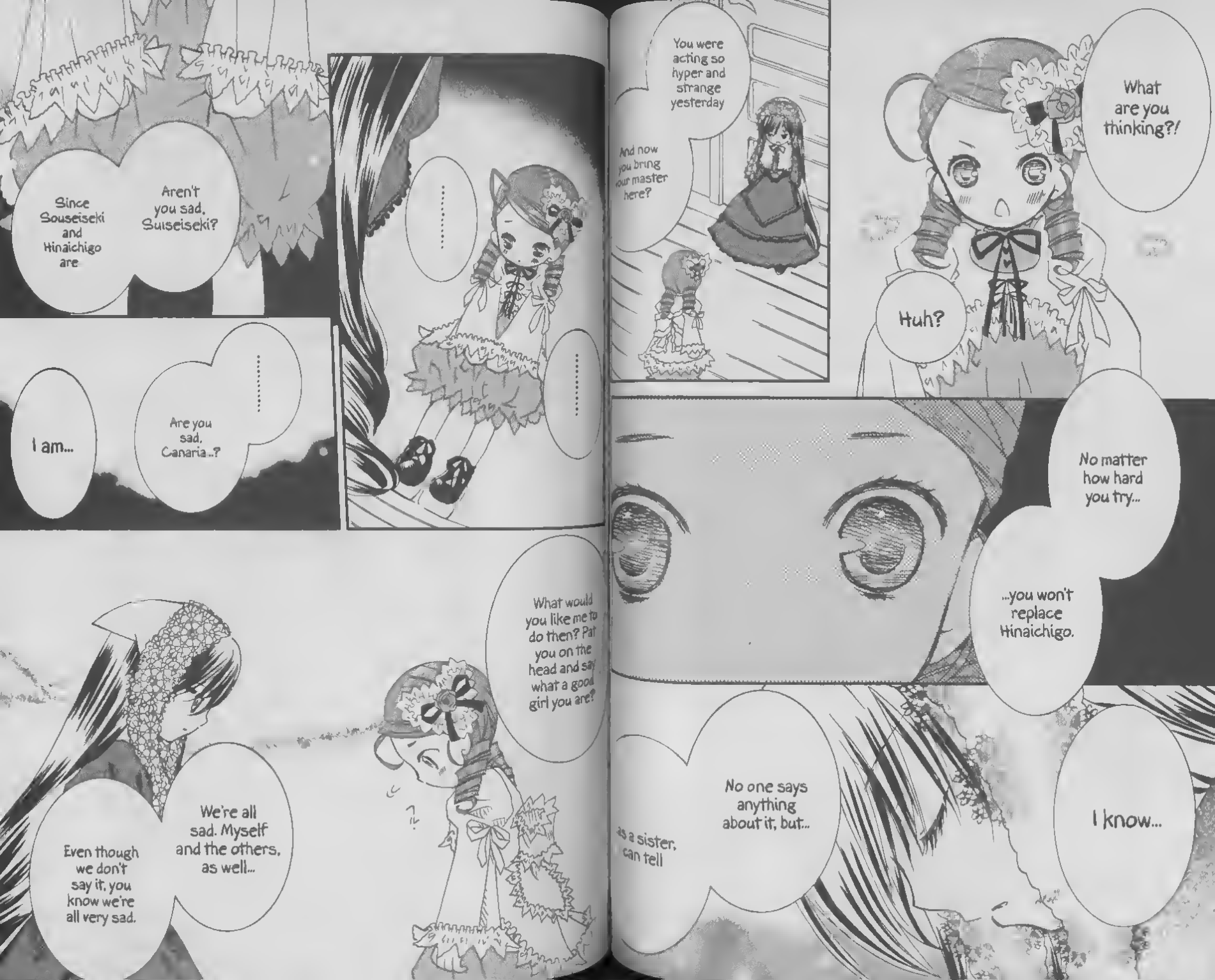
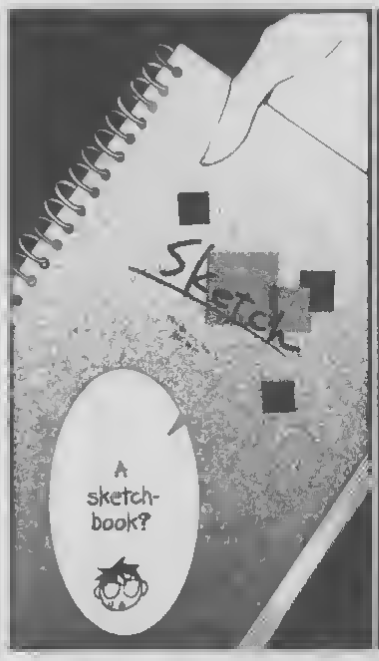

If that's not possible, just once, I want to hold one!
Oh, the Rozen Maiden is the dream of my dreams!!
I wish I could have one!

That's incredible!! Could all of us have a meeting or something?!
Well, that might be difficult..
As far as I know...
..there are two others...
.....
What? Take pictures?
Oh, that would be so much fun!! We can have tea and take pictures and...!!
I need to talk to you, so get your ass over here, yes.
What is the meaning of this?
Ouch!
If you chose "to wind" please respond to this emale.
To Wind or
Not to Wind
There are other masters, too?!
Well, yeah...
It's a little complicated, but..
That's the same choice Tomoe and I had.
What?
It's the same...!!

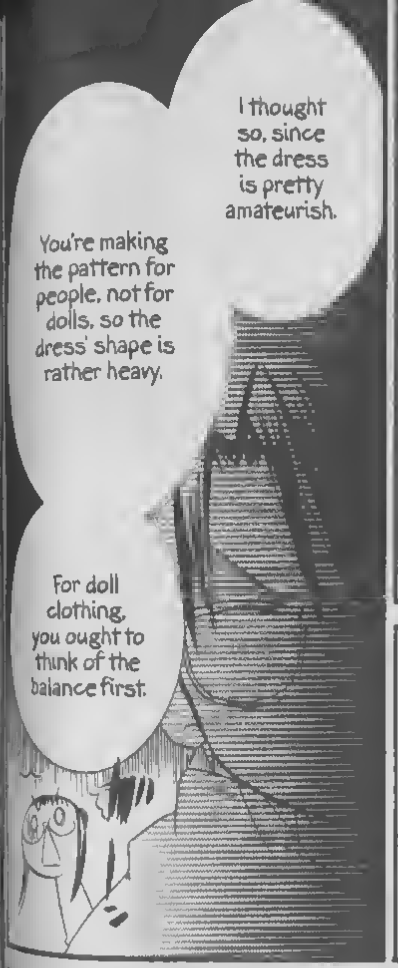

Since Souseiseki and Hinaichigo are
Aren't you sad, Suiseiseki?
.....
.....
I am...
Are you sad, Canaria..?
You were acting so hyper and strange yesterday
And now you bring our master here?
What are you thinking?!
Huh?
No matter how hard you try...
...you won't replace Hinaichigo.
I know...
No one says anything about it, but...
as a sister, I can tell
What would you like me to do then? Pat you on the head and say what a good girl you are?
We're all sad. Myself and the others, as well...
Even though we don't say it, you know we're all very sad.

I just got back now, maybe?!
Oh dear! It's time for Cana's change of clothes.
Where are you, Cana?
Oh...
...dear.
I did!!
Did you make this dress, big-ass human?
I designed it to perfectly match Cana. Don't you just adore it?!

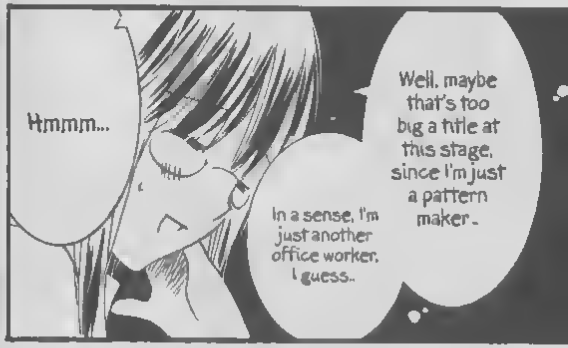
If we can express our sadness in words, someone can try to comfort us.
But there is sadness we cannot express. That we must overcome on our own.


Sketch
A sketch-book?

I wish she would leave now.
He ain't the master of two Rozen Maiden dolls for nothing!
Since you're so smart, would you have a look?!!

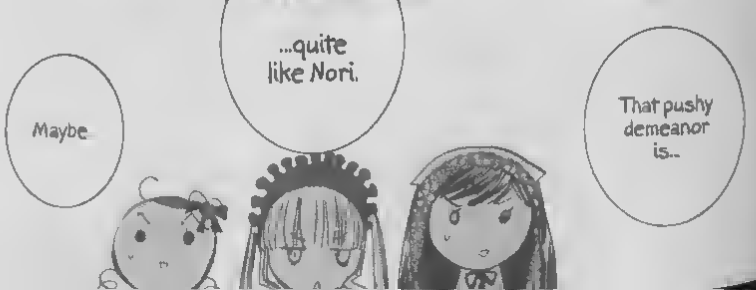

You're making the pattern for people, not for dolls, so the dress' shape is rather heavy.
I thought so, since the dress is pretty amateurish.
For doll clothing, you ought to think of the balance first.

Mit-chan is a professional dressmaker, I'll have you know!!


Hmmm...
In a sense, I'm just another office worker, I guess..
Well, maybe that's too big a title at this stage, since I'm just a pattern maker..

Huh?
These are new designs for the next Doll Festival.
Would you look at this and critique them?

Leave it to Jun.
He's pointed out all the things I was dissatisfied with.
And the pleats... The third one is sagging to the right...
He's got the eye of a true artist.


Maybe
...quite like Nori.
That pushy demeanor is..

Rozen Maiden

Jun-kun... No, Jun-Jun!!
Jun-Jun?
All I did was change a few things...
Incredible... Amazing... I've found a wunderkind...
Bloomer Frills
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ク
Would you lend me your gift?!
Please think of it as helping me out...

Phase 39

Angels Cage
MENU
Angels Cage
Hold on...
Just have a look at this web site.
What do you mean by "lending you my gift"...?

That wasn't so bad for an amateur...
Ugh
So, that's what the sketch was for...
Well, the thing is...
..there's a doll event coming up soon, and I've been working on a new dress for it. But...
...it's just not coming along the way I want it to.
NOOOOO!!
Whoa.
An angel with a sweet devilishness hidden in her delicateness!
Compromise is not permitted in art! The theme is "angel" this time! A devilish angel!
Heavy...
What's this? A doll site?
This is my web site.
I put up photos I've taken of dolls and stuff, but..
I sell dresses that I've made on the web site and at doll conventions.
What's this "shop"?
European Antique Dress
4,800円
Put in cart
SOLD OUT
So, what about this?
Ugh.
I see... Then it's really nothing special.
Since I'm doing it by myself, I can only make two or three at a time...
Well...
They're all sold out!

This is a message from an angel. "Have him help you with the new dress." God is showing me the way.
Looking at Jun-Jun's drawings, it dawned on me!
There is no such thing as a chance meeting. This is fate.
I don't like your god...
Any-way!
Well...I've sidetracked a little, but...
Are you completely blind?!
This is working out well, maybe?
You're too simple to fully grasp the scope of my vision
Don't call me a hikikomori. I'm a profound, undiscovered artist.
Luckily, Jun-Jun has plenty of time on his hands since he's a hikikomori, so...
Let's go
Humans need to talk amongst themselves.
You two.
HU—
I was tricked into doing this. Don't get any ideas!
Oh yes
Oh dear
I'm borrowing your brother.
Oh no. Not at all. I was the one that came unannounced
Oh dear. I'm so sorry.
Since I was at school, I wasn't able to tend to you..
Oh, no wonder...
Don't you touch those!
When we were little, Jun made me doll clothes just like this.
This brings back memories

At my old job, if you worked hard, you were recognized, but..
...at this job, it isn't just a matter of working hard.
Now I have to work longer hours, and the amount of overtime is double. Yet my pay is half of what I used to be.
I get yelled at every day. I've been having a pretty hard time there!
My, it really does sound like a hard job
Rather than the average odds and ends...
...they want a single creation that shines.
It's the type of job where that is the most important thing.

Hmph. I thought talent was something that enabled you to turn something you like into a job.
Remember? I'm just a hikikomori, a recluse. Even God knows that.
Huh?
Ah ha ha. Are you still upset that I called you a hikikomori?
Your talent was present as a young child...
Wunderkind, no doubt.
It's nothing special. I do this to kill time.
It comes to you as naturally as breathing.
No, it's a special talent.
That's why I quit my regular office job...
...how great it would be to do what one likes for a career.
I've thought about that, too...

I want to create my own universe
Someone as ordinary as me has to work a little harder and endure a little more.
Without a fight, I won't be able to get what I want.
That is such a nice dream.
Actually, my real dream is a little ways off in the future.
This is just one of my goals.

Hmmm...
Then why don't you quit?
It's stupid to waste your life working hard on a job where you're simply not good enough.
Ah ha ha. You're right. You can really hold a grudge, eh, Jun-Jun?
Still mad are you?
A shop that is decorated the way I want it-- where I'll sell my own creations.
...I'm going to open my own shop. Even if it's just a little one.
I'm going to get a little more experience and hone my senses a little more. Then...
A goal?
It makes me want to work a little harder.
But you know, I do have a goal

.....
What do you think you're doing? Don't get in my way.
Ouch.
Hold me up.
Come. Quickly.
I want to look at it closer.
Huh?

Sorry... Did I wake you up?
No...
And what is that you're doing there?
It's better to use my hands than just my head.
I'm working on the embroidery for Mit-chan's dress.
You're working hard, Jun.
It wasn't my idea, but now I'm involved.

Hey, watch your fingers.
Tsk tsk.
You wouldn't be able to do this unless you enjoyed doing it.
They say that the most money you make only about covers the cost of fabric.
What?
You've grown quite a bit, Jun.
Huh? That's not something I would expect to hear from a magic doll.
We are only made to move when we are wound.
We dolls do not grow.
Quite.
But... Uh...
Some existence, huh?
Only to live for the Alice Game...

White roses...
Uh huh Since the background is light blue
Ugh... It's actually pretty hard work..
I see. You just want to get a better look.
It's an incredible garden.
Can you hold it this way a little?
I told Mit-chan it wasn't a big deal, but...
...working in my spare time, it would probably take at least a month to make a dress.

Huh? It's almost 11 o'clock.
It's distasteful to ask such a thing of a lady.
Hey... where are you going?
What's her malfunction?
There you are. I'm back, Shinku.
Welcome back. Did you find anything?
Not a thing.
Not even a single white petal.
I see.
Are you all right? Did you have a fight with your sisters again?
You could say that.
...until your spring rusts away.
Just as humans sleep and breathe and do things...
...driven by the power of their heartbeat...
If such is the natural state of the Rozen Maidens... If the Alice Game is what is required of us...

Jun is up, so be careful when you return to the room.
Aye, aye. I'll make something up. Don't worry.
One of these days, regardless of whether he likes it, he will be involved in our battle
Until that day comes, I want him to be able to find peace in the world he belongs to
I regret having taken a second seat to the little Canaria, but...
...as long as I'm rescuing Souseiseki...
...we'll get Hinaichigo back as well, yes!
The seventh doll was different somehow.
We sisters are always able to sense the others somehow, but I can't sense this one at all.
Still, she is always snooping around us. That's the feeling I get.
Shinku..
That's brave of you.
..I'm glad you told me everything.
I know, yes. That's why we're working with that little Canaria, too, yes.
I don't like to fight, but I do want to guard against any brambles that might come this way.

P-
Perfect...!!
This is amazing, Jun-Jun!!
The sample is finished anyway.
I modified the pattern quite a bit, but..
...I made sure that the frills are easy to arrange...
What a beautiful dress!! We should have Shinku-chan try it on..
Huh? Where are they?
They're gone a lot these days.
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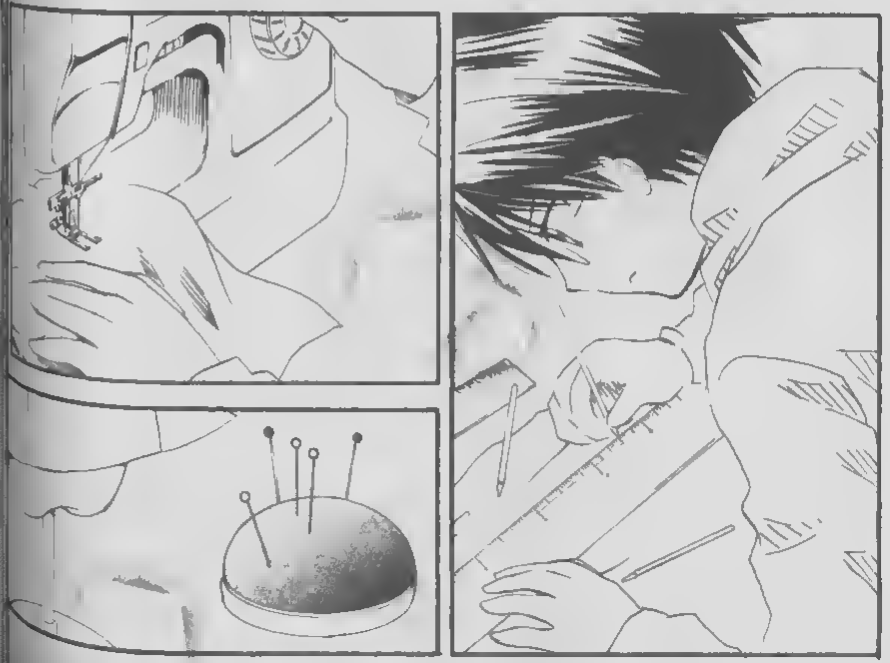
What is it? Jun-Jun?

Oh, Shinku!
I'm going now.
Never mind.
It's nothing, really.
What is it?



Auctions
Is this an online auction?
Wow... Look at all those dresses for dolls.
I thought that online auctions were more disorganized, like huge garage sales.
You can get a booth at a doll convention, or you can sell individual items online like this.
I never realized such a thing existed--
They're selling furniture and cake for the dolls.
They're all made individually by hand.
Wow. There's a ton of them...
How could you?!!
This is essentially advertising for when we sell at the doll convention. And it's good for gauging what kind of buyers are out there
Hey, that's the dress!
I entered it with the photo I just took.
It's not as if I studied design or anything...
By modifying it, maybe I really messed it up...
Nonsense, Jun-kun!
I managed to finish it, but...
...I wonder if anyone would even want it.
Let's give it a shot!!
All right then!!
Can I borrow your computer?
Hmmm.
Give what a shot?!

Wha...?
Are you kidding?!
Everyone must have been holding back
When something looks like its price will get high, people wait until the last moment and get into bidding wars..
Oh, another bid.
Five bids?! There were none just a few minutes ago...
Isn't it amazing?!
What do we do?! Maybe we should cancel the auction.
What?! All the way up to 80,000!
65,000 yen...
Come on. Do you think people would bid this much for a piece of fabric?!
Well, this is too high. It's several times what the material cost...
What are you saying, Jun-Jun?!

Darn it...
Look. No one's placed a bid on it.
Well, we'll just see about that. Wait 'til the end of the auction!
Who would buy it for 5,000 yen?!
I'm excited, too!
No bids yet.
One hour until the auction ends.
Jun-kun, telephone!
Well, I guess no one's interested...

Phase 40

They're bidding this much because they're willing to pay a lot for your dress!
101,000 yen
42 minutes
None
You're just nervous because it's a dress you made Jun-Jun
Whoa! It's gone up again... How high will it go?!
Are you there, Jun-Jun?
Hello?!

What is it, Berrybell?
.....
What's that you say?!
?!!
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It's time to switch watch duty. Go back and rest.
Oh, Shinku.
Okay, maybe.
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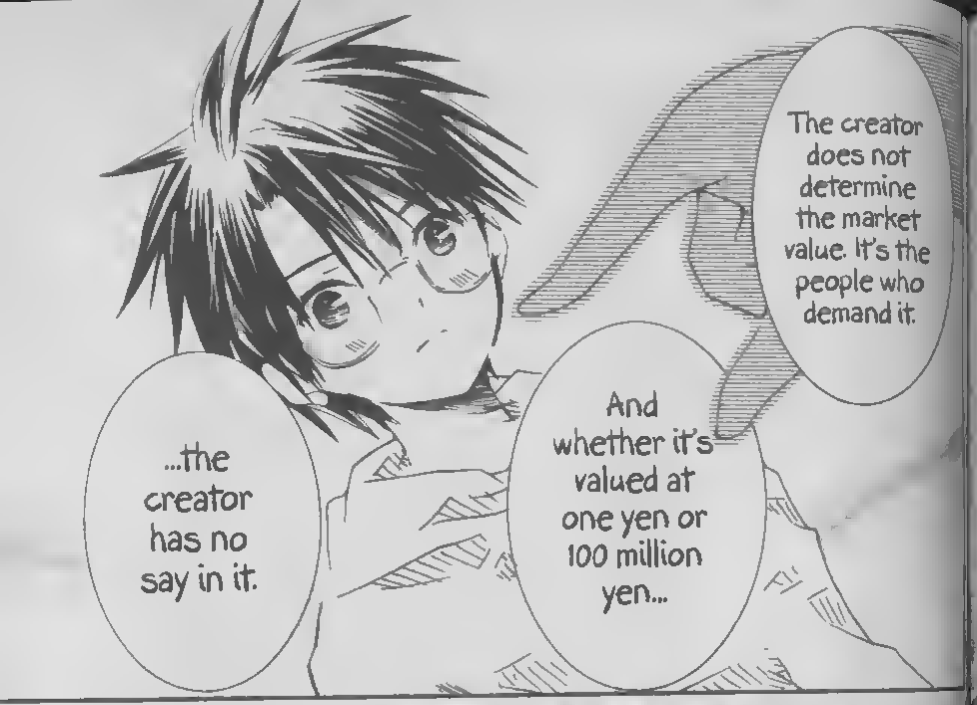
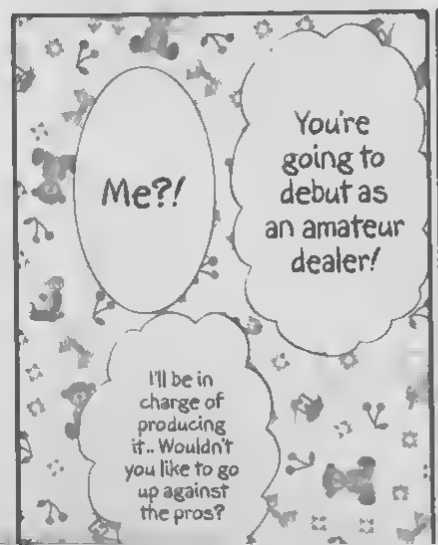
Canaria.
Mmm, so sleepy..
Be careful, Shinku.

That's...
...Odile?!
That was amazing! What a bidding war that was at the end of the auction!!
There were three bidders fighting for this 'til the very end. They kept bidding higher and higher!
I haven't been this excited in a long time!
145,000 yen
Ended
Final bid price...
145,000 yen!
The winner paid online last night.
So, I brought...
.....
...this for you. 145,000 yen!
Well done, Jun-jun.
I didn't intend for this... I can't take this. It's too much.
I don't think I deserve this much.
Besides, I'm not sure if it's worth all this...
Yes, you. Who else should keep it?
What? For me?!


The creator does not determine the market value. It's the people who demand it.
And whether it's valued at one yen or 100 million yen...
...the creator has no say in it.

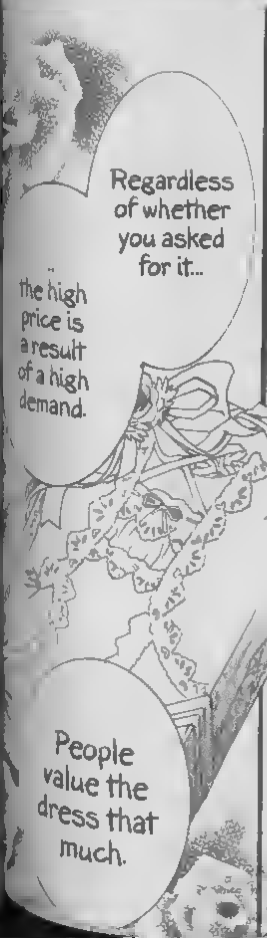
That's why these auctions are so pure and exciting.
See?


Me?!
You're going to debut as an amateur dealer!
I'll be in charge of producing it.. Wouldn't you like to go up against the pros?

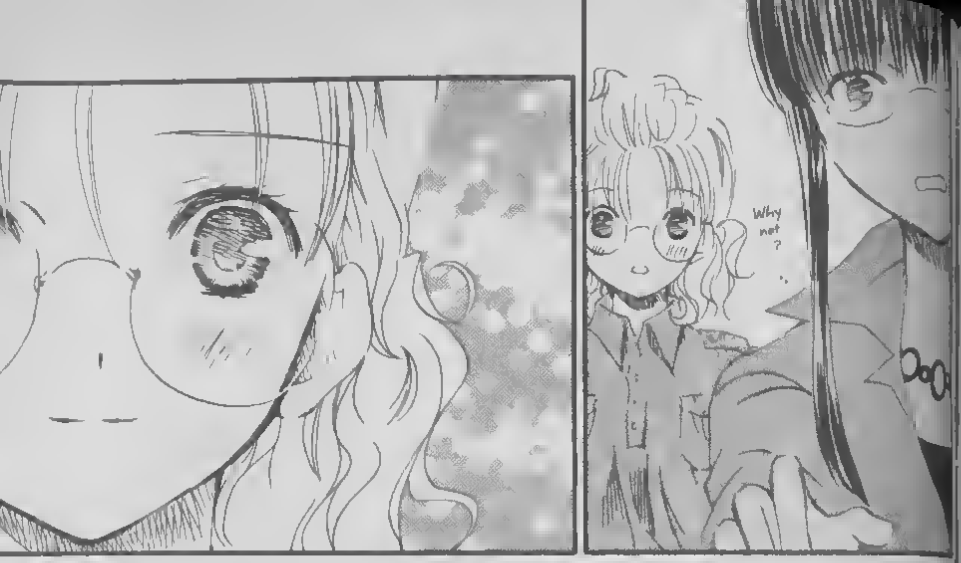
We'll have to keep on developing your talent, Jun-jun.
This auction was infinitely great for advertising my business!
Huh?!
My dealer booth is going to be sooo popular!

But...
Jun-Jun...

Look, all you need to do is wrap it nicely and send it.
That'd be a cruel thing to say to the doll who's waiting to wear the dress.


Regardless of whether you asked for it...
..the high price is a result of a high demand.
People value the dress that much.

An evaluation...?
...think of it this way.
This is an "evaluation" of your skill, Jun-jun.


Why not?

Why? But why?! Isn't making things fun?!
Weren't you excited?!
No. I wouldn't.
Whaaaaaat?!

She was making a lot of noise just a minute ago, but...
...maybe she's sleeping now.
Where is Suiseiseki?
You're still up.
Uh huh.

...that's all right.
I was, but...
Yeah.

So, you should take good care...
Jun...?

Don't distract me, okay?
I just don't have time to mess with you guys. Go to sleep.
.....

Huh? What am I saying?
Or is it something someone else said?

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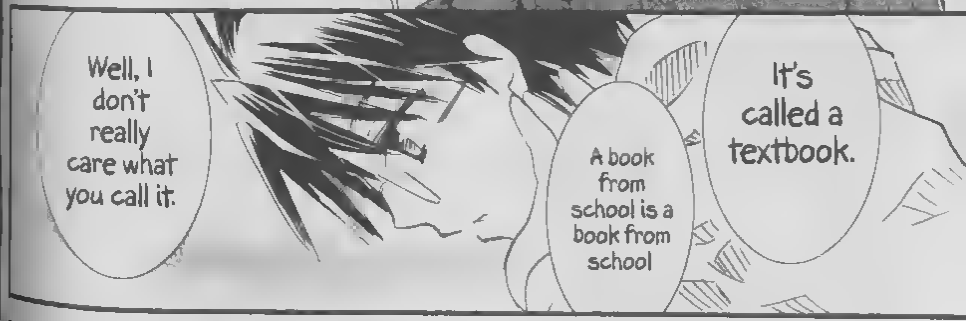
Good night...
...Jun

You're not sewing today.
That's a book from school, isn't it?
No...


It's called a textbook.
A book from school is a book from school
Well, I don't really care what you call it.

Yes, a name is...
...simply something of convenience...
...but it is necessary.

I've been in his place once before...
Even when you feel completely closed in by the labyrinth...
...if you can see just a glimmer of light, the way out is not too far off...
Jun does not go to school.
He doesn't need to.
He can serve me and Shinku all the time.
Ah, yes, but...
...the fact that he's started to study must mean...
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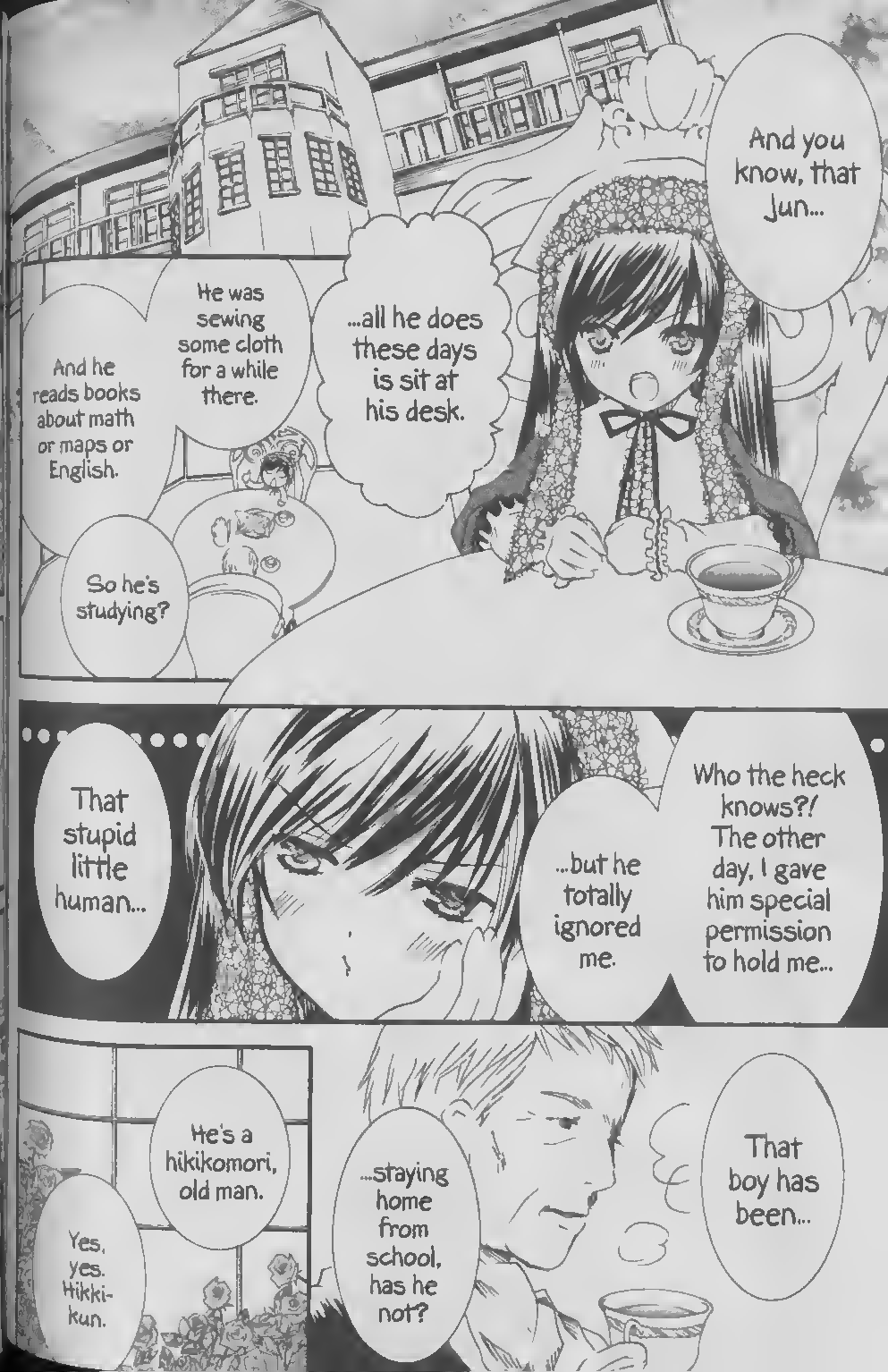
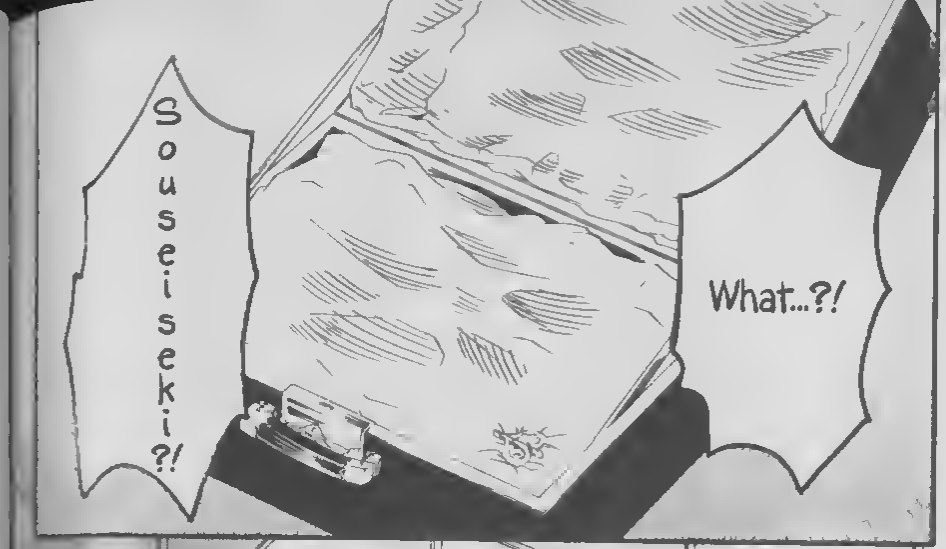

And you know, that Jun...
...all he does these days is sit at his desk.
He was sewing some cloth for a while there.
And he reads books about math or maps or English.
So he's studying?
That stupid little human...
...but he totally ignored me.
Who the heck knows?! The other day, I gave him special permission to hold me...
That boy has been...
...staying home from school, has he not?
He's a hikikomori, old man.
Yes, yes. Hikki-kun.

I've been here every week to have tea with you, old man.
And I have seen her sleeping every time, so...
...this seems very strange, yes.
Let's open the case.
.....
Ah...
!!
But she is...
Yes, she is supposed to be sleeping in her case.
Souseiseki's hat...
What the...?!
I found this in the N-Field.
I didn't come here to babble with you, old man.
HMPH.
I have something I want you to see.
What is it?



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